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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO THE VACATION AND DEMOLITION OF INSANITARY BUILDINGS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Request from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Secretary of State for certain information to be obtained through consular officers.

NOVEMBER 19, 1903.

The SECRETARY OF STATE.

SIR: I have to request that, if practicable, a letter of inquiry be addressed to the United States consular officers in the following-named cities, directing them to obtain and forward, for the use of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, the laws or regulations requiring the vacation of insanitary dwellings and the laws or regulations requiring the demolition of such buildings; also to obtain and forward information concerning what provision, if any, is made in the various cities for reimbursing either the tenant for vacation or the owner for the demolition of the houses.

The cities from which this information is desired are as follows:

London, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, and Leeds, England; Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland; Belfast and Dublin, Ireland; Paris, Marseille, and Lyons, France; Berlin, Hamburg, Leipsig, and Munich, Germany; Vienna and Budapest, Austria-Hungary; Amsterdam and Rotterdam, Holland; Madrid and Barcelona, Spain; Lisbon, Portugal; Naples, Rome, and Milan, Italy; Copenhagen, Denmark; Stockholm, Sweden; Christiania, Norway; St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, and Odessa, Russia; Constantinople, Turkey; Bukharest, Roumania; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Buenos Ayres, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras, India; Melbourne and Sydney, Australia, and Montreal and Toronto, Canada.

Respectfully,

L. M. SHAW, *Secretary.*

Reply of Secretary of State—Circular to be sent to certain consuls directing them to forward the information desired.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, November 30, 1903.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant requesting for the use of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service the laws and regulations of various foreign cities relating to the vacation and demolition of insanitary dwellings.

In reply I have to say that a circular instruction has been prepared directing the consuls in the cities mentioned to report the desired information.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY.